Village Courts

340. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up 'Gram-Nyayalays' (Village Courts) in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Law Commission which was entrusted with the study of Judicial Reforms submitted its 114th Report on Gram Nyayalaya. Copies of this report have already been laid before both the Houses of Parliament. This report was referred to all the States/Union territories for their comments/views. So far States/Union Territories of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Nagaland, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Goa, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Lakshdweep, Pondicherry, Andaman and Nicobar Island and Delhi have sent their comments on this report. Final decision on the recommendations contained in this Report has not been taken.

Family court in the capital

341. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Family Courts in the Capital to deal, with matrimonial disputes and other family matters; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has already issued notification under Section 1(3) of the Family Courts Act for setting up of Family Courts in the capital.

Self-Employment scheme for ex-servicemen

342. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new self-employment scheme "From Arms to Farms" for ex-servicemen in rural areas has recently been introduced, and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced a new self-employment scheme "From Arms to Farms" SEMFEX-II Scheme in rural areas w.e.f. 15-1-88 with the assistance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for encouraging ex-servicemen to undertake agriculture and allied activities or to set up village and cottage industries/tiny industries. The details and salient features of this Scheme are given in the Statement.

Statement

'From arms to farms (Semfex-II) Scheme (Self-Employment) for ex-servicemen

'From Arms to Farms' (SEMFEX-II) Scheme was introduced w.e.f. 15th January, 1988 with the assistance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for encouraging ex-servicemen, disabled soldiers and widows to undertake agriculture and allied activities or to set up village and cottage industries/Tiny industries in rural areas. The scheme has two sub schemes as under:—

(a) *Farm Sector*: This covers development of agriculture and allied activities e.g. purchase of tractor, minor irrigation, farm mechanisation, land development, dairy, poultry, fisheries, sheep rearing, plantation, wasteland development, nurseries, etc.

(b) *Non-Farm Sector*: This includes financial assistance for setting up new units, tiny, cottage, khadi, village industries/SSI, handloom, handicrafts, coir, sericulture, etc.;

AIM

2. The aim of SEMFEX-II Scheme is to provide a comprehensive package of credit measures for encouraging ex-servicemen, disabled service personnel and widows of servicemen to undertake agriculture and allied activities or to set up non-farm units in rural areas.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

3. Special features of SEMFEX-II Scheme are given below:—

(a) No margin money is required to be contributed by the promoters for projects with an outlay of Rs. 30,000 under non-farm sector. In addition to composite loan of Rs. 30,000, a separate loan for construction of workshed ranging between Rs. 3,000 to 7,500 is available to beneficiaries under the scheme.

(b) Ex-servicemen who have the requisite talent but lack necessary monetary resources to meet the margin money required for availing of financial assistance for projects in non-farm sector will be eligible for soft loan assistance at concessional rate of 1 per cent for projects costing upto Rs. 5 lakhs.

(c) For expeditious sanction, projects costing upto Rs. 30,000 both in farm and non-farm sectors will be cleared by the financial institutions in the district within one month of submission of loan application and project report.

(d) In some States, Ex-servicemen Development Corporations have been constituted. National Bank will be prepared to refinance projects for infrastructural support for ex-servicemen through the existing and other Ex-servicemen Development Corporations as and when established under the State aegis. Such Corporations must have government permission to borrow money from banking institutions.

(e) No additional security will be required for obtaining the soft loan assistance available under the Scheme. In respect of term/composite loans, no collateral security other than that of assets obtained through financial assistance will be insisted upon upto Rs. 25,000 or as may be decided by RBI from time to time.

(f) With a view to assisting ex-servicemen in preparing project reports for undertaking activities pertaining to agriculture and allied activities, National Bank will make available model schemes for some of the major activities such as dairy, poultry, fisheries, sheep/goat rearing, etc., to all Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) for assistance for ex-servicemen.

(g) Under National Bank's proposed scheme for funding voluntary/promotional agencies for establishment of production-cum-training centres the ZSB/RSB or other welfare agencies of ex-servicemen may avail of the facility for opening such centres for vocational training of Ex-servicemen. The details of the scheme will be circulated after finalisation.

OTHER SALIENT FEATURES OF SEMFEX-II SCHEME

4. *Loan Amount*: (a) *Farm Sector*: No upper ceiling is prescribed for loans under farm sector.

(b) *Non-Farm Sector*: Financial assistance for projects upto Rs. 5 lakhs only will be eligible for setting up units in rural areas.

Margin Money

5. Promoter's contribution will be as under for Non-Farm Sector:—

(a) Loan upto Rs. 30,000	Nil
(b) Above Rs. 30,000 and upto Rs. 1 Lakh	5%
(c) Above Rs. 1 Lakh and upto Rs. 5 Lakhs	10%

For Farm Sector the classification will be based on the land holding of the beneficiary i.e. Small Farmer—5 per cent, Marginal Farmer—10 per cent and Other Farmer—15 per cent.

RATE OF INTEREST

6. (a) Non Farm Sector

(i) Loan upto Rs. 30,000 10%

(ii) Loan above Rs. 30,000 12.5%

(b) **Farm Sector:** It will depend upon the land holding of the beneficiary. It will depend on the income. If the income is less than Rs. 4,800 P.A., rate of interest will be 10 per cent, otherwise 12 per cent. Income limit is converted into land holdings which differ from State to State.

SECURITY

7. No additional security will be required for covering the soft loan assistance provided under non-farm sector.

In case of loans secured through banks security for loans will be as per RBI/National Bank guidelines issued from time to time.

SOFT LOAN ASSISTANCE

8. Ex-servicemen entrepreneurs who have the requisite talent but lack necessary monetary resources to meet the promoter's contribution will be provided necessary margin money as loan for non-farm projects at a nominal service charge of 1 percent (1 percent).

PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING LOAN

9. The role of ZSBs/RSBs have been restricted to identification of the applicants. Thereafter processing of the application will be done by the bank/institutions. The financial assistance under the Scheme is provided through Scheduled Commercial Banks, Land Development Banks, Regional Rural Banks and State Cooperative Banks (on behalf of District Central Banks) depending on the type of the Scheme. Loan upto Rs. 30,000/- will be sanctioned by the bank within one month of the receipt of application form. Loan above Rs. 30,000/- will be sanctioned within three months from the date of receipt of application.

TRAINING

10. National Bank has agreed to provide faculty support in respect of credit aspect free of cost, to prospective entrepreneurs who require such training before taking up projects. Rajya Sainik Boards will be responsible for making all administrative arrangements for such training programmes. Such training programmes in the State/UTs will be organised by Secretary, RSBs in consultation with the Regional Incharge, National Bank in each State.

TRAINING OF SERVICE PERSONNEL

11. Commandants Regimental Centres will forward applications of service personnel who wish to avail of SEMFEX-II training to Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board of the State where the Centres are located. Depending upon the response from the Regimental Centres, arrangements for training could also be made at the Centre itself. National Bank will give faculty support for credit aspect of the training.

Allocation for Hill Development Programme in Uttar Pradesh

343. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and the allocation made under Hill Development Programme for the eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) whether and district-wise body has been set up for the implementation of the Programme; and